

OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN

**BIG ADVANCES IN THE PRICES OF
WOOL AND MUTTON.**

**In Consequence Sheep Raising Has
Received an Impetus in the West
—Indiana Territory Cattle
Are Doing Well.**

No interest in the West has received such an impetus the past year as that of sheep husbandry. Wool is 40¢ per pound higher than a year ago, and sheep on the market are bringing 75¢/\$1.25 per cwt. more money than this time in 1896. The sheepmen of Colorado and New Mexico are now veritable "lords of the golden fleece." It

C. Abbott has just gotten back from Colorado, where he has been all summer buying sheep and lambs for feeding purposes. He says ewe lambs in that country are hard to come by, but that the lambs that a year ago were free sellers are now mainly disposing of their wethers and are disposed to buy rather than sell live stock. He says that the sheep raisers are getting money for everything—and some will sell even at this advance. There is a sheep market in the north, and there have been buyers there from everywhere, and sheep raisers have enjoyed an independence and prosperity unknown to them in the past. He says that the sheep business will be fine in the Arkansas valley this year, and more if they can be bought. This is an increase of 40,000 over last season's.

Some idea of what is going on in the

J. C. Orr, president of the Orr Packing Co., Birmingham, Ala., was at the stock yards yesterday. This was his first visit here, and he was much surprised at the magnitude of trade here.

There were 605,584 sheep killed here from January 1 to September 14, an increase of 55,323. Everybody is eating mutton now, hence higher prices.

W. F. Smith, Ponca, I. T., was at the yards yesterday. He reports good rain

Frank Giles, formerly with Swift & Co. here, but now hog buyer for them at Omaha, was at the yards visiting friends yesterday.

Topeka, Kas., Sept. 20.—(Special). The Union Protective Association, with headquarters at Topeka, Kan., issued permits for the following cattle the past week: Shipped 7,015 head of cattle for the week ending Sept. 15. McCoy makes it his business to inspect every carload of cattle going to Kansas before delivering a permit to the railroad to ship them into the state. Thus and only thus can diseases, especially Texas or splenic fever, be kept out of the state.

quarters at Coffeyville and Talada. I. T. the name of a new organization chartered to-day. The object of the concern is to the live stock men by exercising a watchful vigilance over stock found in the hands of parties not known on the range, and to assist the officers of the law in the detection of stock thieves. The association is in the order of the anti-horse-thiefs' association.

W. H. Cloud, Beatrice, Neb., got feeders here yesterday.

W. O. Noland, Peculiar, Mo., was in yesterday with cattle.

Evans & Owens, Ottumwa, Ia., got feeders here yesterday.

J. T. Spears, Onanah, Tex., was up yesterday with cattle.

O. L. Anthony, Le Roy, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs.

V. A. Gassett, Council Grove, Kas., was here yesterday with cattle.

Marion Sparks, Marshall, Mo., had

A \$4-GOLD PIECE.

**Mysterious Coin Offered Recently at
the Cincinnati Sub-Treasury.**

A curiosity in the shape of a \$4 gold piece was offered at the sub-treasury, Cincinnati. This is probably the first time in the history of the office that a coin of that denomination was ever beheld by the attaches, says the Enquirer. The coin came from the Fifth National bank, to which one of the depositors had taken it to find out

bank were unable to decide the question and the coin was sent to Uncle Sam's employees in the federal building, but no one there would accept it for the treasury for its face value.

Then Teller and Robert Brasher, who is numismatist of considerable repute, as well as Teller White, who is considered one of the most expert counterfeit detectors in the country, and Cassius Stout said that they had never found of the government the most honest of men, and that they would not accept it even at its face value. The tables giving the

The inscription of the coin is as follows: "It almost the size of the \$5 gold piece. On the face around the outer edge are the words: "United States of America." Just underneath in small type are the words "E Pluribus Unum." In the center is a star

On the obverse side in the center is a high relief of the goddess of liberty. Above this on the outer edge are thirteen small stars. Between the stars are the following letters and figures: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. S." Underneath the head is the date—1878.

OVERALLS AND SWALLOW-TAIL

Employees of the Illinois Central Railroad

Grand Nationality

Meeting.

The Illinois Central began four years ago to sell single shares of stock to employees on the installment plan. The books show that 355 employees have thus bought 1,960 shares and \$3.48 have paid an average of \$3.74 on shares they have bought. In order to get these small stockholders to attend the annual meeting the directors this year inaugurated the plan of furnishing them with free transportation to and from the meeting. Those who felt that it was an affair of the time and expense to come to the meet-

The men who wear overalls almost every day met on an equal footing with the men who dine in swallowtail coats. They had the same right to discuss, propose and criticize, and they were listened to with respect by any man in the meeting. The widow also took part in the discussion, asking questions for light, and President Fisk complimented her display of good sense.

On each Tuesday and Thursday until October 21st the SANTA FE ROUTE will sell tickets from Kansas City to Chicago at the rate of Seven Dollars. Two fast trains daily. Meals in dining cars a la carte. Santa Fe Route ticket offices, northeast corner Tenth and Main streets and 1017 Union avenue.

Every Tuesday and Thursday.

St. Louis.....	\$1.00
Chicago.....	50c
Meals.....	25c

CHICAGO & ALTON RAILROAD.
Compartment Sleeping Cars
and
Buffet Dining Cars.